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In re application of

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REQUEST FOR EXAMINER-INITIALED PTO-1449 FORM

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE ANY DEPUBLIENCY IN THE FEES FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975

Sir:

Attached to the Office Action of March 13, 2008 is a copy of the PTO-1449 Form submitted with Applicants' IDS dated April 7, 2006. Although the Examiner signed the bottom of the PTO-1449 Form, the Examiner crossed through reference AN (WO 96/19239).

The Examiner indicated that this reference has been crossed through because it is not in English. However, this reference was cited on page 2 of Applicants' original specification, and was cited in the International Search Report (submitted with the IDS of April 7, 2006). Additionally, the first page of the reference contains an English abstract. Accordingly, this reference should be considered.

Attached hereto is a copy of a PTO-1449 Form citing only this reference. The Examiner is kindly requested to return an Examiner-Initialed copy of the Form with the next correspondence, thus indicating that the Examiner has considered the reference cited therein.

Respectfully submitted,

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